

Council on Post-Secondary Education

Funding of New Programs (2001 - 2002)

Background:

The Strategic Initiatives Fund contains two envelopes - the Strategic Program Envelope and the Systems Restructuring Envelope. The Strategic Program Envelope provides new funding for new or expanded programs at the universities. Institutions that receive funds from this envelope receive additional base-funding in order to be able to offer the program on a continual basis. New college programs are now funded through the College Expansion Initiative. The System Restructuring Envelope funds time-limited projects (up to 3 years) at both colleges and universities that support the restructuring of educational delivery within the institution. Projects must identify how education will be restructured, and must fall within certain criteria (aboriginal focus, technology-based, prior learning assessment, etc).

The following university programs were approved in 2000/01 using funds in the Strategic Program Envelope

Strategic Program Envelope 2001/02

Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies

Brandon University

This program will provide the skills and knowledge necessary to enable graduates to intervene effectively in natural and man made disasters that occur throughout the world. Examples of disasters would be floods, earthquakes, fires etc. Program graduates will be able to assist with the emergency responses needed to manage the crisis, and then provide support to the people affected by the disaster as they try to get their lives back to normal.

Baccalaureate Nursing Program 4th year

Keewatin Community College

KCC is a partner in the Manitoba Nursing Education Strategy, and as such delivers the entire Bachelor of Nursing program. These additional funds were provided to support all four years of program delivery.

Diploma in Child and Family Services

University of Manitoba

This new program is being developed to complement the province's support of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry recommendation to turn over child and family services to Aboriginal agencies. The program will provide basic level education to existing child and family service workers throughout the province, who require skill development. The program will be offered using a cohort model, providing education while people work.

Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) in Music

University of Manitoba

The program is designed to create new educational opportunities through cooperation between faculties. It will provide students with an opportunity to major in music history or music theory,

without having to undertake the extensive study in performance that is required under the School of Music programs.

Bachelor of Education 5th year
University of Winnipeg

Several years ago, the province determined that a B. Ed would be a five year program, and at the same time, asked the University of Winnipeg to deliver the full B. Ed. Program. However, additional funds were not provided at that time to support the request. Accordingly, Council has provided the funds required to support the full program at the U of W.

System Restructuring Envelope 2001/02

The System Restructuring Envelope funds new projects - three years of less at both the colleges and universities, designed to restructure the system in some way. At its June 8, 2001 meeting, the Council on Post-Secondary Education approved the following System Restructuring Proposals:

Web Server

Assiniboine Community College

Funds were approved to contribute towards the purchase of a new web server to assist with the further development of technology-based courses and programs.

English as a Second Language Programs

Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface

The funds were approved to support the development of an enhanced ESL program for non-English speaking students. CUSB provides programming to many international students who wish to learn English at the same time as they obtain their post-secondary education in French, and this project will assist with that goal.

Allied Health Program Coordinator

University of Manitoba & Red River College

The funds were approved to assist in the coordination of the joint Allied Health program as a way to develop the new program model and support students at a variety of educational and practice settings.

Prior Learning Assessment Practitioner Training

Red River College

The funds were provided to develop comprehensive training for PLA practitioners working throughout the province in both post-secondary and other settings.

Eco-Tourism On-line

Keewatin Community College

The funds were provided to redesign the Eco-Tourism program so that it is available in an on-line format to students living anywhere in the province

Taking the Next Step

University of Winnipeg & Children of the Earth School

The funds were provided to the U of W to develop a partnership with Children of the Earth School that would enable the school's graduates to take first year university courses on-site at the school. This would assist students with the transition from secondary school to university by offering programming in a familiar setting.